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HIGHLIGHTS

Friendly forces came into contact with the VC in a number of areas on 9 August with the VC generally coming off second best. An article in the North Vietnamese party daily highlights the difficulties encountered by the regime in carrying out the evacuation of cities and populated regions.

I. The Military Situation in South Vietnam:

Korean and American forces established contact with Communist forces as Operation PAUL REVERE II continues in Pleiku and Kontum provinces (Paras. 1-2). As many as 150 Viet Cong were killed by US Marines participating in Operation COLORADO in Quang Tin Province (Para. 3). Three US Army battalions begin Operation TOLEDO in Long Khanh and Binh Tuy provinces (Para. 4). The Trai Bi Special Forces Camp was attacked again yesterday by the Viet Cong in an apparent test of the camp's defenses (Para. 5). US aircraft hit a village while Viet Cong guerrillas held the villagers hostage (Para. 7). The Viet Cong are apparently concerned about the quality of their cadres and party members in the Mekong Delta area (Paras. 8-11).

NOTE: "The Weekly Review of South Vietnam Battle Statistics" and the "Monthly Battle Statistic Charts" will be published when complete figures become available.

II. Political Developments in South Vietnam:

The Viet Cong have issued more threats against Vimytex Textile Plant management personnel in the wake of the recent killing of a plant foreman (Paras. 1-2). Ky begins his good-will visit to the Philippines (Paras. 3-4). The Central Election Review Committee completes its screening of candidates for the National Constitutional Assembly (Paras. 5-6).

III. North Vietnamese Military Developments:

There is nothing of significance to report.

IV. Other Communist Military Developments:

There is nothing of significance to report.